

MINUTES

City Council Meeting Monday, March 21, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Bethune called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Opening: Pastor Bruce Campbell gave the invocation and Mayor Bethune led City Council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Council Members: Mayor Don Bethune, Mayor Pro-tem Bruce Campbell, Councilmember Marcia Daniel, Councilmember Richard Lassiter, Councilmember Natalyn Morris, Councilmember Debbie Ruiz and Councilmember Kim Tice.

Staff Members: Scott Robider, City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Rhonda Ferrell Bowles, Finance Director/Clerk of Council; Gil Ballard, Chief of Police; Mike Dick, Fire Chief; Jon Bayer, Public Works Director and Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director.

Formal Public Comment:

Presentation by Roberts Properties – Phase II of the Town Center Development Plan: Mr. Roberts gave an overview of Phase II of the Town Center buildout, which includes apartments and three retail buildings in front along Dean Forest Road.

Mayor Bethune stated that the City has had a good working relationship with Roberts Properties. He stated that they did exactly what they said they would do with the apartment complex. Mr. Roberts stated that the residents living in the apartments come from all walks of life and are very happy with the location.

Councilmember Daniel asked if Phase II of the apartment complex would have a pool. Mr. Roberts stated that the residents in the Phase II would use the pool in Phase I.

Councilmember Morris stated that she looked forward to learning more about Mr. Robert's company. Mr. Roberts stated that he had tried to reach out to Councilmember Lassiter to set up to meeting.

Mayor Bethune stated that we have enjoyed working with your group and we will take a look at the Phase II plan.

City Council Minutes: Councilmember Campbell made a motion to approve the March 7, 2022 Pre-Agenda Session Minutes and Council Meeting Minutes and the March 11, 2022 workshop minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Daniel and passed without opposition.

City Manager's Report: City Manager had no updates.

Items for Consideration:

Ordinance, Zoning Map Amendment (4711 & 4713 Old Louisville Road): Clerk of Council read the heading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of Garden City, Georgia, as amended to rezone certain properties owned by Nick Sanders and Rose Sanders at 4711 Old Louisville Road, 4713 Old

Louisville Road, and O Highway 80 from their present zoning classification of “R-1” to an “I-1” zoning classification.

City Manager stated that the petitioner submitted a formal request to withdraw the rezoning request from the agenda.

Ordinance, Zoning Map Amendment (4209-B Old Louisville Road): Clerk of Council read the heading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to rezone certain properties owned by Mark W. Backiel and Wendy M. Backiel at 4709-B Old Louisville Road from its present zoning classification of “R-1” to an “I-1” zoning classification.

City Manager stated that the petitioner submitted a formal request to withdraw the rezoning request from the agenda.

Resolution, Fire Rescue Department CAD Integration: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution authorizing the Garden City Fire Rescue Department to purchase equipment necessary to commence the Fire Rescue Department’s integration of its communication system with Chatham County’s Computer Aided Dispatch System (CAD) to meet the Department’s public safety needs.

Councilmember Ruiz made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tice and passed without opposition.

Resolution, 165th Memorandum of Understanding: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution authorizing the entry into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between 165th Security Forces Squadron, 165th Airlift Wing, and the Garden City Police Department, for law enforcement response assistance and information sharing.

Councilmember Campbell made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruiz and passed without opposition.

Resolution, Blue Line Solutions Contract: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution authorizing the City to enter into a contract with Blue Line Solutions, LLC, for the implementation and operation of an automated traffic enforcement safety device program with respect to speeding violations within certain school zones in the City in accordance with Chapter 78, Article II, of the City Code; authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the City.

Councilmember Ruiz made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Campbell and passed without opposition.

Formal Public Comment: No speakers.

Adjournment: There being no further items on the agenda, Mayor Bethune called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Lassiter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:24 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Campbell and passed without opposition.

Transcribed & submitted by: Clerk of Council

Accepted & approved by: City Council 4/4/22